

I. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

*This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application, using strikethrough for deletions and underlining for additions:*

1-5 and 6-14 (Cancelled).

15. (Currently Amended) A data processing method using a computer network for converting vehicle environmental performance data into meaningful and readily understandable information for use by consumers as an aid in their selection of a vehicle for purchase and by vehicle manufacturers to facilitate awareness of their vehicles through advertising, said method comprising the steps of:

obtaining said vehicle environmental performance data and storing said data in at least one database;

identifying vehicles by vehicle manufacturers, brands, and models;

identifying said vehicle models by vehicle configurations;

establishing vehicle utility classes for said vehicles;

grouping said vehicle models into said vehicle utility classes to allow evaluation of environmental performance of said vehicle models by said vehicle utility classes;

developing forecasts of sales of said vehicle configurations;

identifying vehicle environmental performance data components;

obtaining environmental performance values for said environmental performance data components by said vehicle configurations and storing said values in said at least one database;

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